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AMMUNITION DEPOTS IN THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANY

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1. Teepchin Ammunition Depot (south of Berlin-Koenigswusterhausen), as of 6 October 1948

This depot is heavily guarded by Soviet troops and it is impossible to approach the fenced area, which is lighted at night; German workers employed at the depot are closely checked when leaving work.

There are many underground concrete bunkers, barracks, corrugated sheet metal sheds, and some two-story houses. According to local residents, the buildings and sheds are used to manufacture ammunition, while the bunkers are used to store it. No extraordinary activity was observed; small diesel locomotives and dump cars were observed on tracks inside depot area.

2. Iemitsch Ammunition Depot, Near Beeskow, as of 7 October 1948

This depot is heavily guarded by Soviet troops and it is impossible to approach the area, which is lighted at night; German workers are employed.

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There are many barracks and corrugated sheet metal sheds, as well as billeting and administration buildings in the area; large stocks of wooden ammunition boxes are on the loading ramp. Local residents say that ammunition is stored in barracks, sheds, and concrete-lined bunkers; it is mostly infantry ammunition, but there is also some artillery and tank ammunition. No activity was observed on report date; there were no railroad cars at loading ramp.

3. Tiefenbrunnen Ammunition Depot (near Jueterbog) as of 15 October 1948

This depot is located on highway No 102 near the Treuenbrietzen-Jueterbog railroad line. It is heavily guarded by German police. The area is lighted at night.

German workers from surrounding towns are employed and work under the supervision of Soviet troops. Ammunition stored there is said to be both German and Soviet, and all types: hand grenades, artillery ammunition, land mines, bombs, etc. Ammunition is stored only aboveground in large sheds; and according to workers, underground concrete bunkers are not yet in use.

4. Rothenstein Ammunition Depot (between Jena and Rudolstadt), as of 11 October 1948

This depot is located on the main road from Jena to Rudolstadt. Ammunition is stored in tunnels, built for this purpose during the last six months, and is guarded by German police. No observation could be made regarding the amount and type of ammunition stored there.

5. Dannenwalde/Mecklenburg Ammunition Factory, as of 18 October 1948

This factory is again in operation; work is carried on in three shifts; Soviet First Lieutenant Deman (fnu) is in charge. German antiaircraft and antitank cannons are reconditioned there, as well as ammunition for these cannons. Also it manufactures grenade thrower ammunition.

6. Ammunition Works or Depots in Grossbeeren and Gersdorf

It was rumored that there were ammunition works or depots in Grossbeeren (near Berlin) and in Gersdorf (Kreis Oberbarnim, near Berlin). Inquiries made showed that there were no ammunition works or depots of any kind in these towns or vicinities.

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